

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Serial No: 10/567,305 ) Examiner: Melanie Torres Williams  
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) Confirmation No.:4896  
FOR: CLAMPING OR BRAKING DEVICE )

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2008, in the

above-identified patent application, and is filed within the first month following the three-month shortened statutory period for response set in the Office Action. A petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith and the appropriate extension fee is submitted concurrently.

Please amend the application as follows: